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BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION, ROUTE 7
MUONG SEN, NORTH VIETNAM
1924N 10409E

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1. TROJAN HORSE [REDACTED] REVEALS A BRIDGE IN EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION OVER THE NAM MO (RIVER) ON ROUTE 7, 0.3 NM NORTHWEST OF MUONG SEN. BRIDGE ABUTMENTS ARE OBSERVED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE NAM MO (RIVER) AND A FOOTBRIDGE IS LOCATED JUST NORTH OF THE ABUTMENTS. ROUTE 7, A SINGLE-LANE, NATURAL SURFACE ROAD, IS OBSERVED TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION. A 0.6 NM SEGMENT OF THE ROAD TO THE NORTHEAST AND A 0.2 NM SEGMENT TO THE SOUTHWEST OF THE BRIDGE ARE BEING REALIGNED TO SERVE AS AN APPROACH ROAD. PROBABLE EARTH MOVING EQUIPMENT IS OBSERVED ON THE WEST BANK OF THE RIVER.

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2. AREA HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY COVERED BY [REDACTED] LUCKY DRAGON, TROJAN HORSE, AND [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY,

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3. COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT NORTH VIETNAM HAS BEEN CARRYING OUT A PROGRAM SINCE EARLY 1963 TO REPLACE FORDS, FERRIES, AND TIMBER STRUCTURES ON HIGHWAYS LEADING INTO LAOS WITH PERMANENT BRIDGES OF STEEL OR CONCRETE. FOUR BRIDGES ON ROUTE 7 WITHIN 50 KM OF THE BORDER HAD BEEN COMPLETED BY JULY 1964, AND FOUR MORE WERE BEING BUILT AS OF NOVEMBER 1964. EXCEPT FOR A FEW BAILEY-TYPE THROUGH-TRUSS STEEL BRIDGES, ALL NEW ONES WERE OF CONCRETE AND WERE ONE LANE WIDE, WITH AN ESTIMATED 15 TO 20 TONS GROSS LOAD CAPACITY.

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